

Unit 6: ICS Facilities



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Unit Objectives

- Describe the six basic ICS facilities.
- Identify facilities that may be located together.
- Identify facility map symbols.



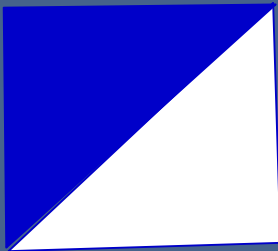
Predesignated Incident Facilities

Incident facilities are:

- **Established by the Incident Commander depending on the requirements and complexity of the incident or event.**
- **Activated only when needed. Some incidents may require facilities not included on the standard list.**



Incident Facilities: Incident Command Post



Symbol

Incident Command Post (ICP):

- Is the location from which the Incident Commander oversees all incident operations.
- May change locations during the event.
- May be located in a vehicle, trailer, tent, or within a building.
- Should be positioned outside of the present and potential hazard zone but close enough to the incident to maintain command.

Every incident must have some form of an Incident Command Post.

Incident Facilities: Staging Area

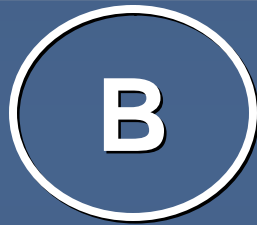


Symbol

Staging Areas:

- Are temporary locations at an incident where personnel and equipment are kept while waiting for tactical assignments. The resources in the Staging Area are always in available status. There may be more than one Staging Area at an incident.
- Should be located close enough to the incident for a timely response, but far enough away to be out of the immediate impact zone.
- May be collocated with the ICP, Bases, Camps, Helibases, or Helispots.

Incident Facilities: Base



Symbol

Base:

- Is the location from which primary logistics and administrative functions are coordinated and administered. There is only one Base per incident, and it is designated by the incident name.
- May be collocated with the Incident Command Post.
- Is established and managed by the Logistics Section. The resources in the Base are always out of service.

Incident Facilities: Camps



Symbol

Camps:

- Are where resources may be kept to support incident operations if a Base is not accessible to all resources. Multiple Camps may be used, but not all incidents will have Camps.
- Are temporary locations within the general incident area that are equipped and staffed to provide food, water, sleeping areas, and sanitary services.
- Are designated by geographic location or number.

Incident Facilities: Helibase/Helisports



Symbols

- A **Helibase** is the location from which helicopter-centered air operations are conducted. Helibases are generally used on a more long-term basis and include such services as fueling and maintenance.
- **Helispots** are more temporary locations at the incident, where helicopters can safely land and take off. Multiple Helispots may be used.



A Staging Area is where incident personnel await tactical assignment.

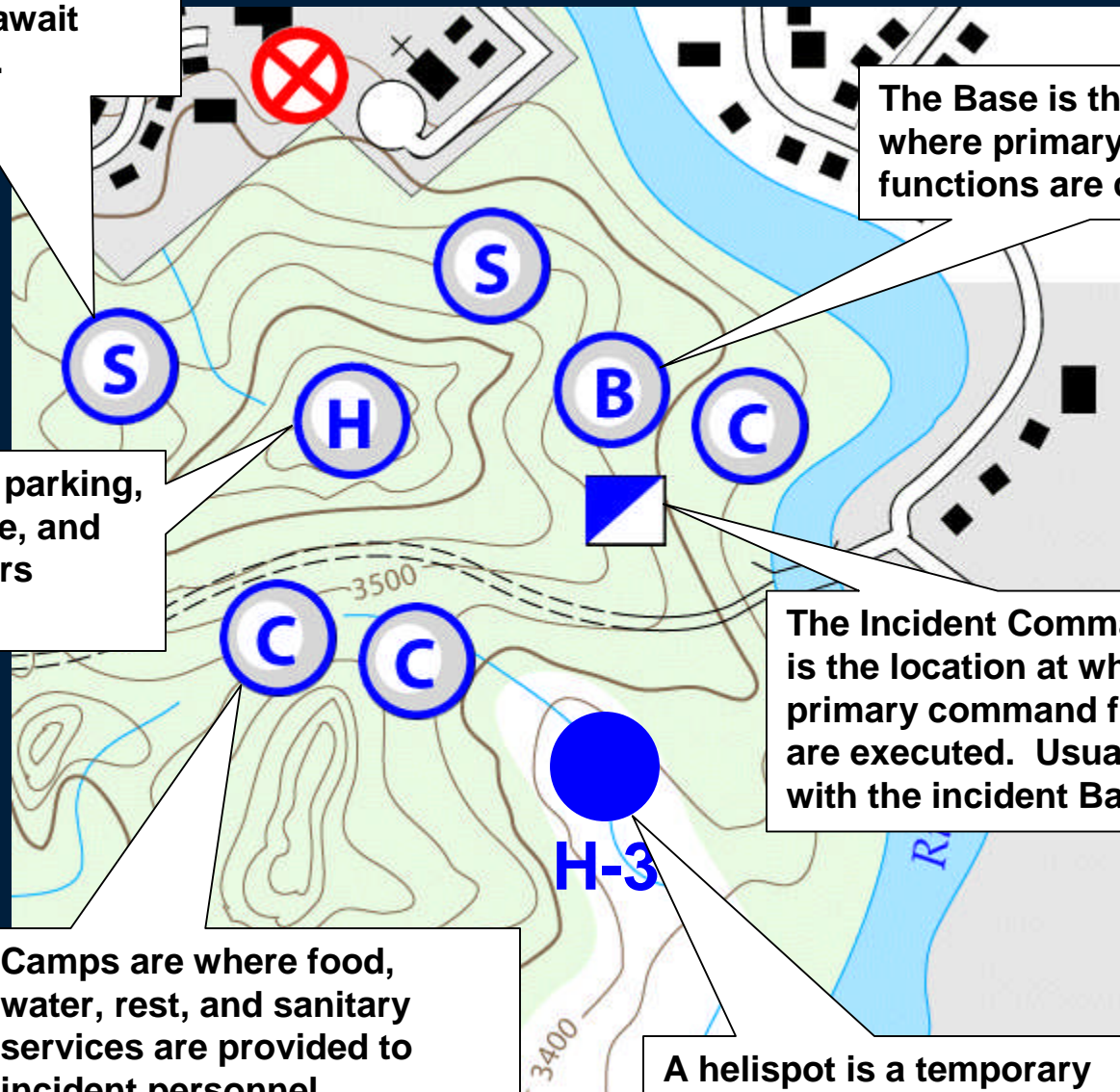
The Base is the location where primary logistics functions are coordinated.

A helibase is where parking, fueling, maintenance, and loading of helicopters occur.

The Incident Command Post is the location at which primary command functions are executed. Usually located with the incident Base.

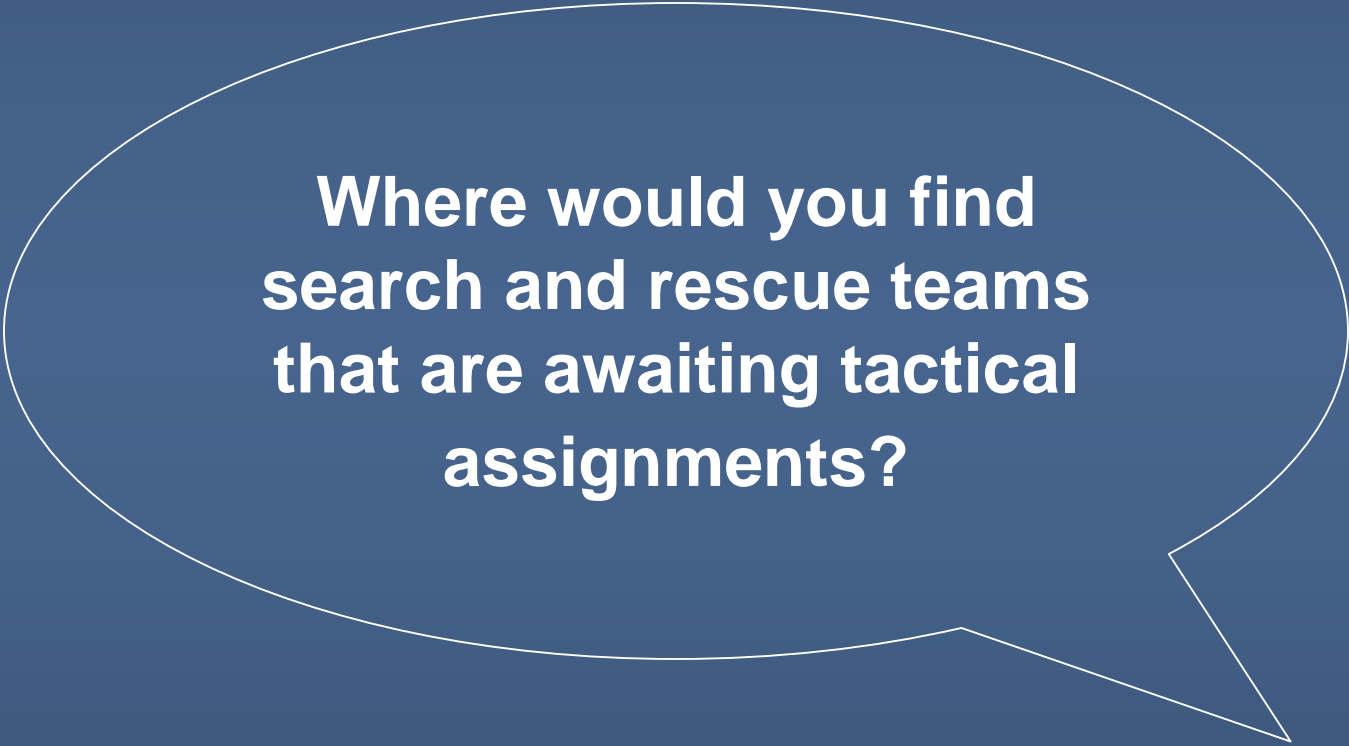
Camps are where food, water, rest, and sanitary services are provided to incident personnel.

A helispot is a temporary location at an incident where helicopters can safely land and take off.



Knowledge Review (1 of 6)

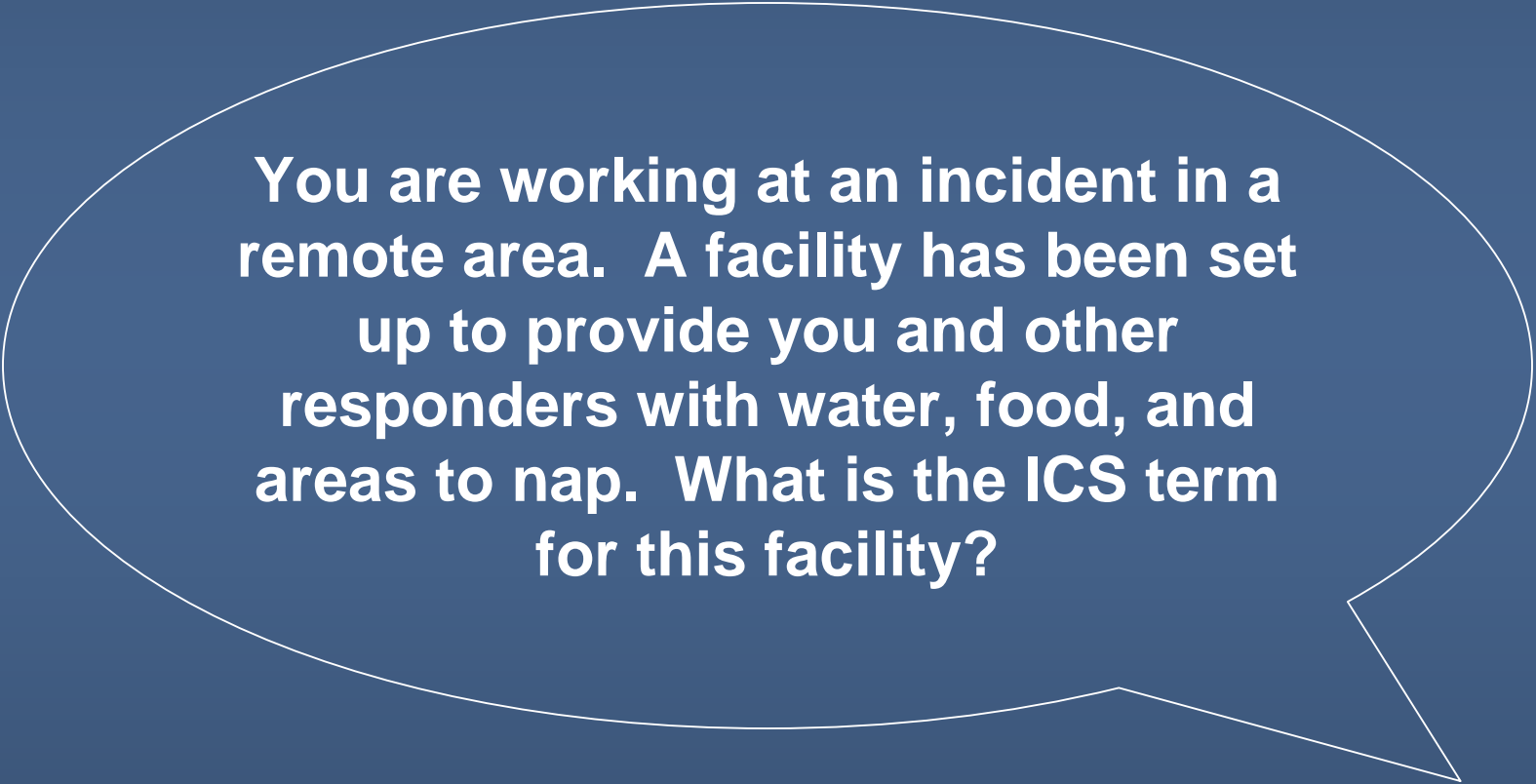
Instructions: Answer the question below.



**Where would you find
search and rescue teams
that are awaiting tactical
assignments?**

Knowledge Review (2 of 6)

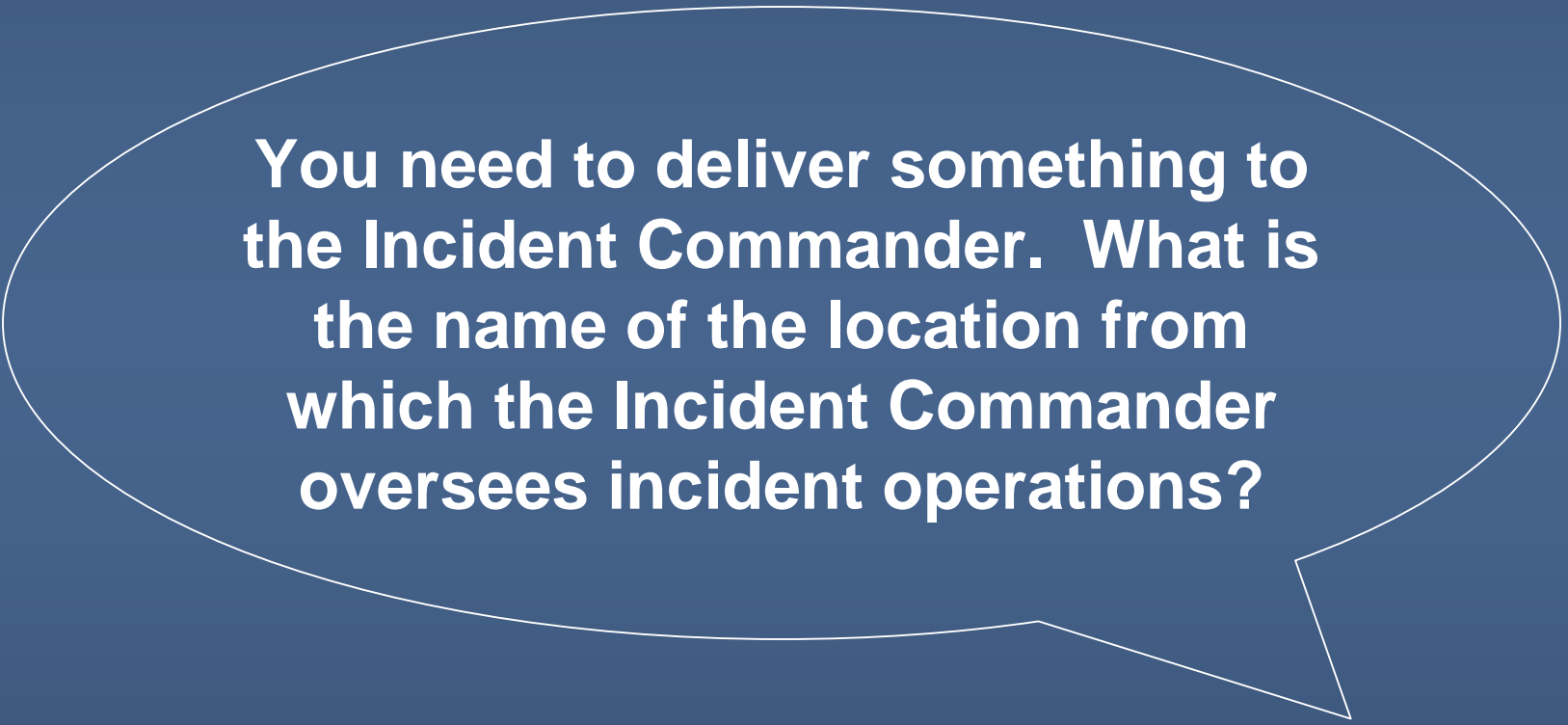
Instructions: Answer the question below.



You are working at an incident in a remote area. A facility has been set up to provide you and other responders with water, food, and areas to nap. What is the ICS term for this facility?

Knowledge Review (3 of 6)

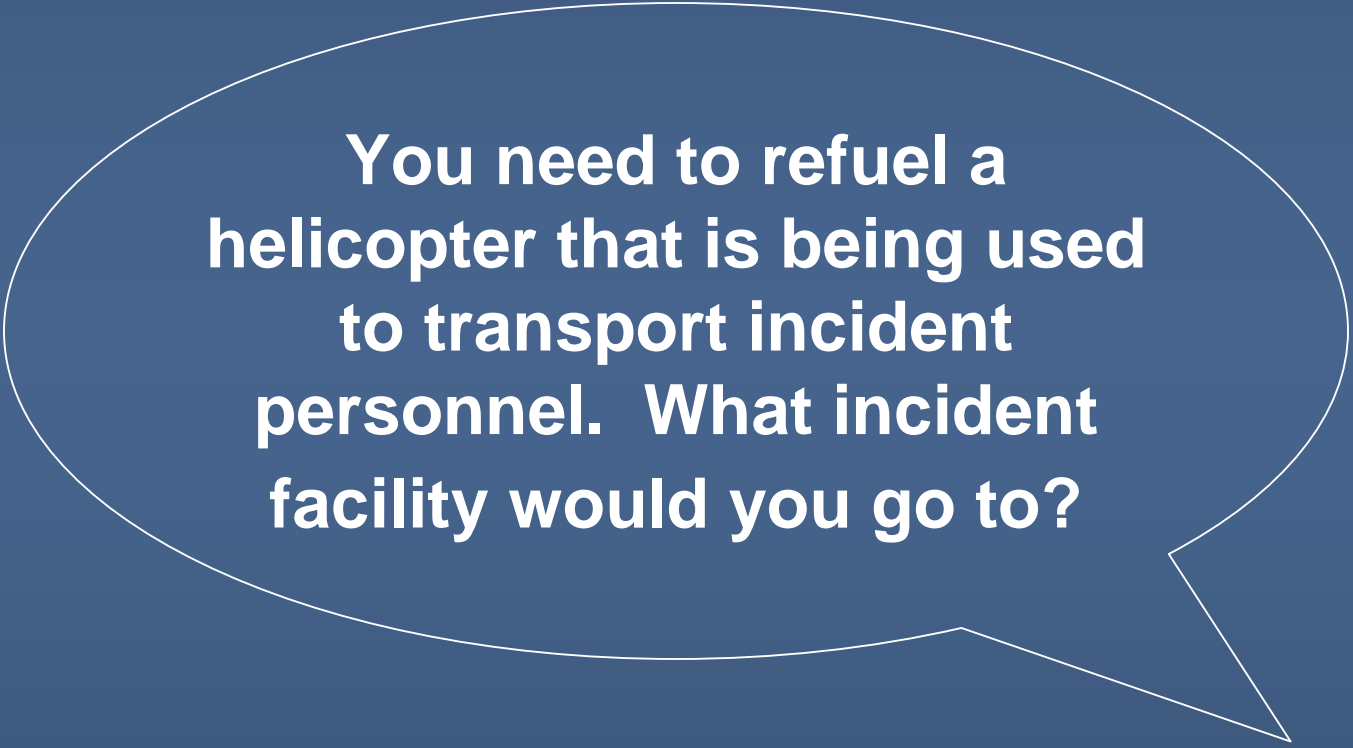
Instructions: Answer the question below.



You need to deliver something to the Incident Commander. What is the name of the location from which the Incident Commander oversees incident operations?

Knowledge Review (4 of 6)

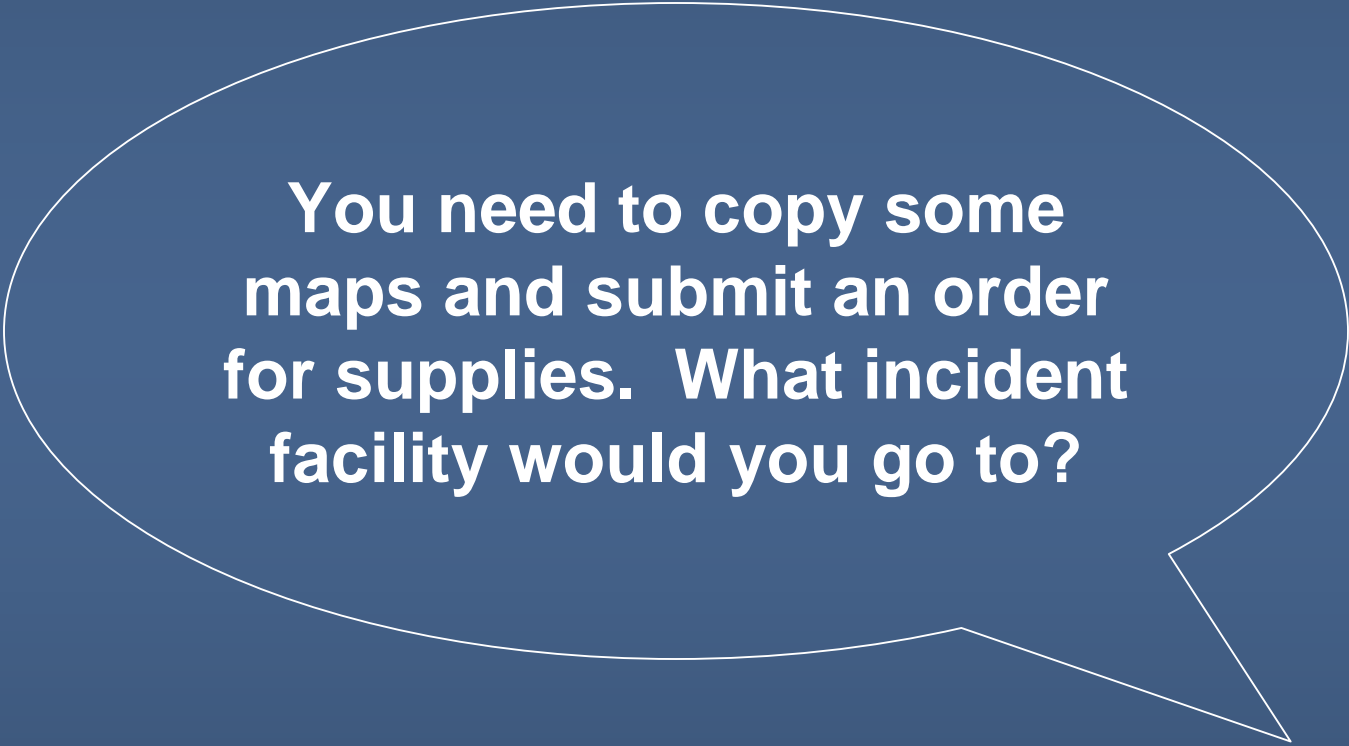
Instructions: Answer the question below.



You need to refuel a helicopter that is being used to transport incident personnel. What incident facility would you go to?

Knowledge Review (5 of 6)

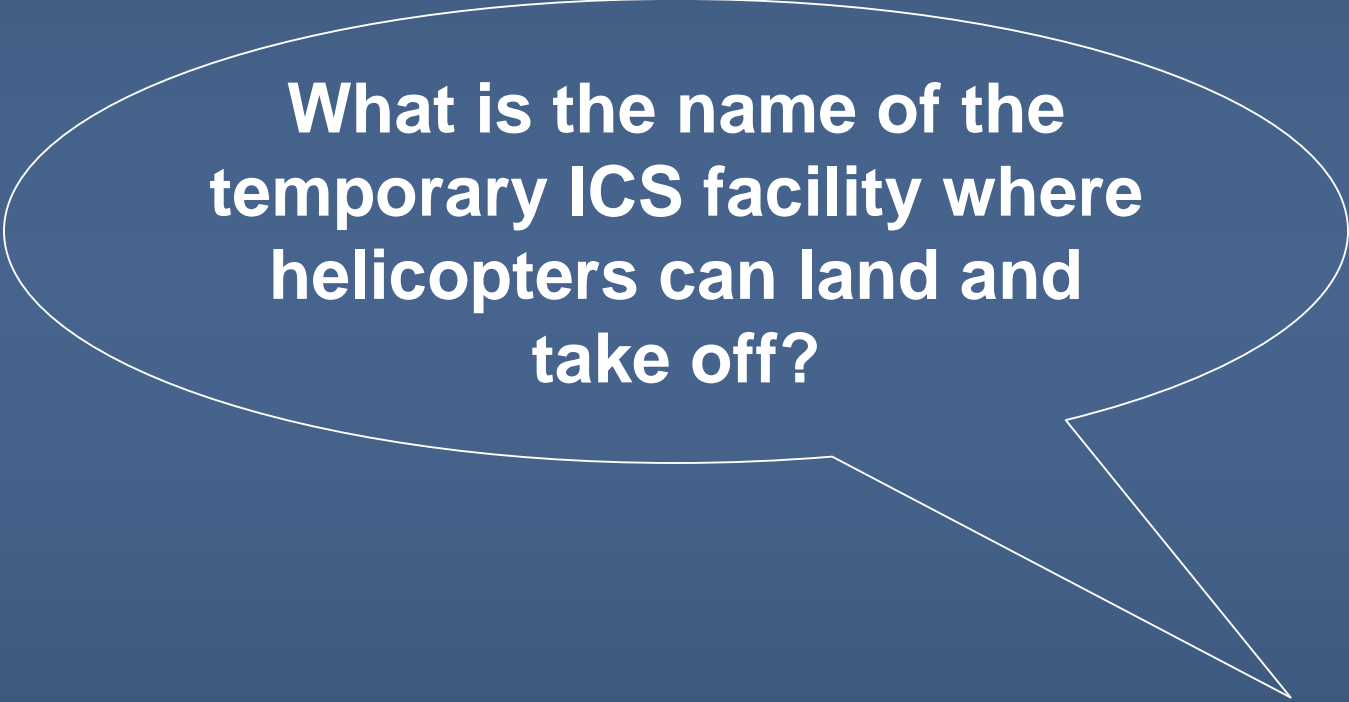
Instructions: Answer the question below.



You need to copy some maps and submit an order for supplies. What incident facility would you go to?

Knowledge Review (6 of 6)

Instructions: Answer the question below.



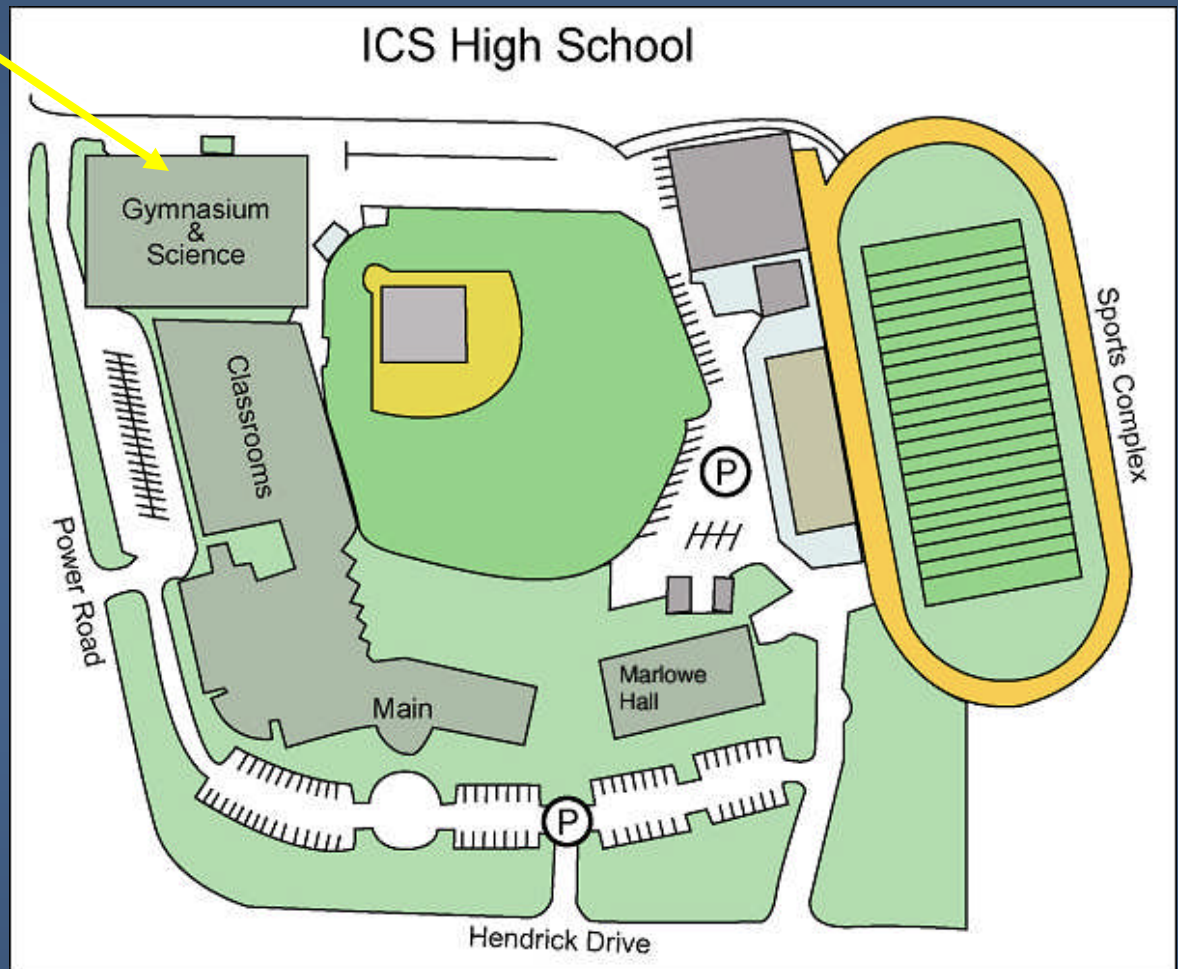
What is the name of the temporary ICS facility where helicopters can land and take off?

Activity: Locate the ICS Facilities

Severe weather caused the collapse of the school gymnasium.

More than 50 students are critically injured. Numerous resources are on scene or have been dispatched including MedEvac helicopters.

It is projected that the operations will continue for at least the next 15 hours.



Summary

Do you know how to:

- **Describe the six basic ICS facilities?**
- **Identify facilities that may be located together?**
- **Identify facility map symbols?**